

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An electric power bar which includes a body and an electrical cord adapted to plug the body into an electrical outlet of a building. The body has one or more female receptacles which receive power via the electrical cord. The female receptacles are adapted to receive a  
5 plug from a computer or ancillary equipment whereby power is supplied to the computer or the ancillary equipment. The body also has incorporated within in it a communications module which serves as a conduit for sending and receiving messages. The body has at least one of an Ethernet receptacle, an universal serial bus receptacle, or a telephone jack receptacle in communication with the communications module, so as to enable a computer to  
10 be connected to the communications module.